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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 9, 2008. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicant(s) hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group I (claims 1-6, 28 and 36) for prosecution in the instant application. Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement because it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to search and examine all the claims. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants reserve the right to rejoin claims from Groups II and III as appropriate.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Merchant & Gould P.C., Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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